

**Thomas Jefferson to William Short, March 30,
1790, from Thomas Jefferson and William Short
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New York. Mar. 30th. 1790.

Dear Sir

There being no vessel here bound to any port in France, I avail myself of one going to Amsterdam to inform you of my having entered on the duties of the Department of state, comprehending that of foreign affairs.

Your letters came to hand before the 3d inst. have been acknowledged by Mr. Jay in one of that date. Those of the 18th and 30 Nov. and 15. 22. and 26 of December have been since received.

The channel of conveyance forbids me to add more than an assurance that you shall hear from me more fully by the first safer one which offers. Till then also the gazettes & journals of Congress for you must be reserved. I will then likewise do myself the honor of writing to his Excellency the Count de Montmorin. I have that of being with great esteem and respect
Dear Sir, Your most obedient & most humble servt., Th: Jefferson

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